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REMARKS

Amendments to the specification were made to add sequence identifiers as provided in 37 CFR 1.821(c). Likewise, amendments were made to the claims in order to substitute certain polynucleotide sequences with their corresponding sequence identifiers.

No new matter is presented by these amendments and Applicants respectfully request entry of the same.

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Application dated January 6, 2004, transmitted herewith is the "Sequence Listing" for the above identified patent application in compact disc form, labeled "Copy 1" as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.821(c); and a second CD with a copy of the "Sequence Listing", labeled "Copy 2", as required by 1.52(e). As required by 37 C.F.R. 1.821(e), a CD with a copy of the "Sequence Listing" in computer readable form, labeled "CRF" is provided herewith.

As required by 37 C.F.R. 1.821(f), Applicants hereby state that the content of the sequence listing on the discs "Copy 1", "CRF" and "Copy 2" are all identical and. These submissions include no new matter. These compact discs were created on February 6, 2004 on an IBM-PC machine format. The operating system compatibility is MS-WINDOWS 2000, each disc contains a single file titled "3502.1 seqlist.txt" (404 KB).

Applicant requests that a "REFERENCE TO SEQUENCE LISTING" paragraph be inserted into the specification properly incorporating-by-reference the material on the compact discs into the specification as provided in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.52(e) and 1.77.

Upon entrance of this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants believe all pending claims are ready for examination. Examination of the subject application, as amended, is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions pertaining to this application or feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at (408) 731-5875 (my direct line).

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 01-0431.

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